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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2134**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroaki SEKIYAMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2134

Application No.: 09/941,677

Examiner: M. Simitoski

Filed: August 30, 2001

Docket No.: 110301

For: AUTHENTICATION METHOD AND AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM FOR USERS
ATTEMPTING TO ACCESS AN INFORMATION SOURCE VIA
COMMUNICATION NETWORK, AND INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM
AND INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD USING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the May 20, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 3-6 are pending in this application.

I. Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

A. The Rejection of Claim 3

The Office Action rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0014615 to Dahm et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.